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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director for Administration

FROM: George L. Cary, Legislative Counsel

SUBJECT: Loan of CIA Flag to Senate Select Committee
on Intelligence

1. (C) Action Requested: This memorandum contains a recommendation for the approval of the Director of Central Intelligence in paragraph four. This recommendation suggests that a CIA flag be presented to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on an indefinite loan.

2. (C) Background: As you know, Chairman Daniel Inouye recently contacted me to express a desire in purchasing a CIA flag for his office. He raised the basic question as to whether CIA flags were sold. I told him that his question was a novel one to me and that I would look into it. I subsequently learned, through the cooperation of the DDA, that the protocol regarding Government flags is set out by the Institute of Heraldry, Department of the Army. Under this protocol, service or departmental flags are neither sold nor are they given to Members of Congress for their personal offices. Departmental seals or plaques are donated to Members for their personal offices. Service flags are loaned to committees having oversight over the individual services or departments for display in committee rooms. For example, the Armed Services Committee has all of the flags of the military services displayed in their Committee hearing rooms. I also learned, through the DDA, that a CIA flag costs a rather startling figure.

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3. (C) On 23 June I called Chairman Inouye to explain the cost of an Agency flag and the protocol regarding departmental flags. As expected, Chairman Inouye said he would not be interested in purchasing a flag at that price even if it was available to him. He expressed shock at the figure commenting that he had gotten a handsome flag, made in silk, for approximately \$30.00. (He did not say when.) I told him that I thought we could consider providing a flag to the Committee on a loan

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basis as soon as the Committee has permanent office space where it could be displayed. At this point, he told me the Committee has officially acquired the Senate half of the space previously occupied by the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy and is remodeling that space. He added that he thought it would be in the Agency's interest to have our flag displayed in that room noting that we were supposed to be "pros in the business of public perceptions, etc."

4. Recommendation: It is recommended that you approve the loan of a CIA flag to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for display in the Committee's offices and that the flag be presented to the Committee in a modest, non-publicized ceremony.

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George L. Cary

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Director of Central Intelligence

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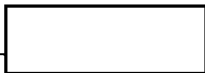
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Attached for the DCI's approval is a memorandum recommending that a CIA flag be presented to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on an indefinite loan.



George L. Cary

1 to All:

The price quoted for the Agency flag is the price the Agency paid the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps for it back in 1973 and, therefore, is the price the flag is carried on our Agency stock records. Currently we still have four of these flags in stock. The price was questioned by the Agency in 1973, but the Quartermaster pointed out that the flags were all handmade. At some future date, we will probably be negotiating a contract for additional flags and if they are machine-made, the cost may be reduced considerably.



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Deputy Director
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